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I am at times thrown into a complete state of perplexity to discover what are the wishes of some of my correspondents. For instance, "A. S.," writes to me:—"I want to make a nutritious corn flour suitable for children. Please advise me what is the best material to use." Of course several different though correct definitions of corn flour might be given, but what popularly goes under that name is an extract prepared from the maize, or Indian corn, of America, and I hardly think "A. S." can expect me to tell her how that or any other "nutritious corn flour" is manufactured. Probably I shall expect her wishes by replying to "Baby's Sister," who writes:—"Mother bids me ask you to tell her how to make up the American corn flour for baby 7 months old. The doctor says she must have it, and also for a baby running about. But for the corn flour, the following is a table of ingredients of cold water, mix together, blending the flour thoroughly, then pour into it half a pint of boiling milk, stirring all the time; boil for eight minutes and sweeten slightly. When warm it ought to be about as thick as cream and perfectly smooth. For children of a year old and upwards no water need be used. Blend the corn flour first with cold milk, then pour the boiling milk over it and boil as before. For the older children, you should use a larger proportion of the corn flour to the liquid. It is of the utmost importance that the milk should be good and sweet. There are many excellent dishes for children and general family use made of this most nutritious flour."

I have to thank "A. S.," who, having seen a recent request for a well-flavored beer of behalf of a recommendation: "I drink it all the year round." One ounce of hops, one sprig each of rosemary, horehound, and balm, two ounces of ginger bruised; put all these in a muslin bag and boil in three gallons of water for two hours. Put two pounds of raw sugar in a pan, pour the above boiled contents over it, and boil for an hour. Strain off the liquid, and add three table-spoons of brewer's yeast; skim off the yeast next day and bottle, when it is ready for use. In cold weather the bottle for beer should be placed before a fire for a short time. This will greatly improve the taste of the beer.

"Cyara" writes: "We have a church built of brick, and the south side and west end of it are so very damp and disfigured because of the wet that we are at a loss how to cure it. It has been painted with several coats of paint, but with no result; the walls are discoloured, and the stuff peels off in some places. Can you suggest a remedy?" My correspondent does not tell me whether the church is new or old, or whether he has examined from whence the damp seems to come. It may possibly come from a defective roof, or from old sea, if the building be recent from something radically wrong in construction. These remarks will suffice to show how necessary it will be to have an expert to discover from whence the damp proceeds; none without seeing the building can possibly pronounce upon this. Meanwhile I am pleased to send a recipe which has proved useful for damp walls where there was nothing very radical wrong in the building. For the first wash make up a liquid by taking three-quarters of a pound of mottled soap to every gallon of water. This composition should then be laid over the brickwork steadily and carefully with a large flat brush, working so as to allow a froth or lather to form on the surface. Then apply the second wash, which is made by mixing half a pound of alum with four gallons of water; let the mixture stand for twenty-four hours, then apply it exactly in the same way over the coating of soap. It will be no use what-sover to try this except when the wall is dry in dry weather. Nor will it be of much use to apply it if the building itself is defective.

In reply to "W. and G. W. C." who ask the way to make "faggots as sold in the pork shops." Take one pound and a half of either pig's liver or calves' liver, chop it up very finely into a mince with half a pound of fresh fat pork. Season this mince according to taste with finely chopped up or pounded onion, sage, thyme, salt and pepper, steam the whole over a boiling water for half an hour, and take off all the fat that rises. When cold add a large cupful of thoroughly crumbed bread crumbs and three well beaten eggs, and mix all thoroughly together and flavour with grated nutmeg. Then make up into a number of round balls, or, if you wish, oblong rolls like sausages, which may be baked in a buttered tin, or a small quantity of good grease, but are more frequently baked in a dish well greased with dripping. In either case they should be baked very slowly until you get them to a nice pale brown all over.

I have before me fourteen letters requesting instructions for rendering pictures in a mirror frame with the view of making picture frames a means for increasing their weekly earnings. This is an aspect of the question I cannot entertain. It would be quite impossible to teach any art or trade in a few newspaper paragraphs, and this is not a trade paper. The glider's art is, although learned by an apprenticeship, a simple enough in theory, but requires a considerable amount of practice to excel sufficiently to undertake work you expect to be paid for. To the amateurs who are only working for themselves and can afford to give up their time, and are satisfied to risk spoiling a few of their old frames during the process of learning, I give a few simple instructions from which they can experiment.

Remove the picture or mirror from the frame, then with a sponge and clean water wash the frame and let it dry. Now get some gold water-size, and also make some thin size yourself by boiling either plover's or partridge's egg in water, and while this is still warm mix into it some of the gold size until you get it into a condition to allow you to work smoothly over the frame. Give the frame an evenly laid coat of the size as prepared and let it dry, then lay a second coat in the same way, and when that is dry lightly rub it over with the finest sand paper to remove any slight unevenness there may be. Your ground is now ready to be decorated with a few lines of clean water, a piece of sponge, and a soft linen rag, and when the moulding is dry lay on the gold leaf. This for the moulded portions, so that it may cover every bit, is not peddled for the purpose. Have a hand bowl with clean water and two or three camel hair pencils with a few bristles of the frame where you commence to gild, being careful to well

no further than you are to work. First let the water remain pretty full on the surface of the frame, but let some of it be absorbed by the gold size. Then with the elder's tip, a fine long-haired brush—proceed to pick up a piece of leaf gold from the pad held in your left hand. If the gold does not at once adhere to the end of the long hairs pass the tip lightly over your own hair or across your cheek, which some few find best; it helps to pick up the gold. The gold so picked up is laid upon the prepared leaf of frame, and when that portion is on it is blown forcibly to expel the water as much as possible from underneath, and a dry camel hair pencil is used to press down any portion of gold that fails to adhere. Another few inches is then waited as before, and so on, taking care that the gold is always made to overlap a little as you proceed till the frame is covered. Then rest it on its edge to drain, and when perfectly dry dip a camel hair pencil in water and wipe the gold over with it. This will take off loose particles of gold and make it look solid. For any parts not covered, take up bits of leaf with a dry pencil and lay on as before, then give the whole a coat of clear varnish size, brush the back edge over with ochre and the frame is finished. This may sound very easy in words, but when it comes to practice you will find it needs no little experience to succeed.

If any of my readers know a recipe for making mangel wursel wine, I shall be much obliged for one. Three correspondents have requested me to tell them how to make it, but I have got no recipe myself. I shall, however, be very pleased if my friends can help me with the information.

"S. S. F." "Mildred," "Jersey," and "Home at Last," ask how to make Swiss roll. There are a dozen different methods in vogue, and each has its own merits. Here is a very simple and easy one. Take one egg and their weight in sugar, whisk these well together, add three ounces of flour, and a small teaspoonful of baking powder. Bake for about ten minutes, turn out on a sugared board, spread a layer of jam, and roll quickly; the quicker one is about the latter process the better the roll. The same mixture, if poured half at a time into a shallow round cake tin and baked, and when both portions are ready, a layer of jam put between them and caudor sugar sifted over the top, makes a Victoria sandwich which is much easier than the roll, as there is no risk of breaking.

I am requested by "Toby," "Light H.," "A. Z.," "Harry," and "B. B. B." to tell them how to mount on canvas and varnish some of the coloured Christmas pictures they wish to preserve. You may, if you wish the best, get regular picture canvases for mounting, but many use a coarse linen or unbleached calico. Have a smooth flat board, larger every way than the picture, to be mounted on, and place a sheet of paper over the board, then lightly tack down the canvas all round on the board carefully keeping it strained evenly everywhere. Have ready some common strong size, which you can set at an oil-shop. Put it in a vessel that will bear boiling water and set the vessel in a saucepan of water to melt the size. When melted apply it hot to the canvas with a clean brush. Have also some strong floor paste made perfectly smooth, and when the size is nearly dry, but still a little sticky, lay an even and not too thick coat of the floor paste over the wrong side of the picture. Should the paper on which the picture is mounted be very thick, it may be well to allow the paste to sink in a little and then lay another thin, even coat of paste over the first. That done, lay your picture over the sized canvas, and, with a clean, soft cloth, dab the picture down carefully on every spot, beginning in the centre and working out to the edges to get rid of air bubbles. Let it dry for two or three days, or longer if necessary, before you attempt to varnish.

Before varnishing, the face of the picture must be sized with a soft brush. Some use the common size used on the canvas as above, but, generally speaking, a size made by dissolving isinglass in water is preferable. If the paper of the picture is very porous it may need two, three, or more coats, each of which must be allowed to get perfectly dry before the next is applied. When the sizing is finished and the last coat perfectly dry, you can proceed with the varnishing, using a perfectly clean soft brush, and either mastic or copal varnish. The varnishing should be done very evenly in a warm room free from draught or dust, let it dry for two or three days, and when it is quite dry you may draw out the tacks and trim off the overplus of canvas round the picture.

To five correspondents who ask how to make good toffee, I give an excellent lemon flavoured variety of this sweet. Take three pounds of sugar, and a half pound of cream, and a half pound of butter, and a half pound of lemon juice, and a half pound of lemon rind, and a half pound of vanilla, and a half pound of nutmeg, and a half pound of cinnamon, and a half pound of cloves, and a half pound of mace, and a half pound of allspice, and a half pound of ginger, and a half pound of pepper, and a half pound of salt, and a half pound of soda, and a half pound of bicarbonate of soda, and a half pound of tartaric acid, and a half pound of cream of tartar, and a half pound of baking powder, and a half pound of yeast, and a half pound of hops, and a half pound of rosemary, and a half pound of horehound, and a half pound of balm, and a half pound of ginger, and a half pound of pepper, and a half pound of salt, and a half pound of soda, and a half pound of bicarbonate of soda, and a half pound of tartaric acid, and a half pound of cream of tartar, and a half pound of baking powder, and a half pound of yeast, 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LAST WEEK'S ITEMS.

John Molloy died in Dudley Workhouse at the age of 106 years.

During the third week in December there were 50,440 indoor and 53,791 outdoor paupers relieved in London.

Mr. Francis Court, postmaster at Portsmouth, retired recently at the age of 63 years. The appointment is worth £200 a year.

At noon on the 2nd a playster, named Philip Griffiths, was knocked down by the London express, near Darwen Railway, and killed.

Owing to the influenza epidemic the medical authorities at Fulham Infirmary are working twelve hours continuously, and assistance has had to be obtained to meet the increase of cases.

James H. Coops, formerly a partner of the late P. T. Barnum, died at Philadelphia.

The chairman of the Paris Urban Cab Company, belonging to the depot of the Rue Valenciennes, went out on strike.

A reception was given to Madame Sarah Bernhardt on New Year's day at Montreal, and was attended by all the political and literary notabilities of the city.

From New York the death is announced of General Meigs, who acted as quartermaster general of the Federal army during the civil war.

M. Woots, leader of the Catholic party in Belgium, who had come to Rome at the special request of the Pope, was received in audience by his holiness.

The s.s. Roman (Warren Line) arrived at Boston on the 2nd. A storage passenger having died from small-pox on the voyage, the ship has been fumigated and is now in quarantine.

The new immigrant landing station on Ellis Island, New York, was inaugurated on the 1st inst., when Annie Moore, an Irish emigrant, the first to land, was presented with a ten-dollar gold piece.

An anniversary service in memory to the late Empress of Brazil was held at the church of St. Augustine, Paris, on the 2nd, which was attended by the members of the imperial family.

The s.s. Trave arrived at New York after a voyage described as the worst on record. The second officer had a leg broken while on duty on the bridge, and the passengers were kept below all the voyage.

Mr. Robert Butters, who has just retired from the W. Division of the Metropolitan Police, in which he has served for twenty-six years, has been presented by the inhabitants of Mitcham with a handsome marble clock and a purse of sovereigns as a mark of their esteem.

At Southampton the local magistrates sent two young men named Edward Bonnet and Frederick Young to three weeks' hard labour each for stealing four bottles of whisky, value 12s., from the shop of Mr. Edward Green, in the High-street, on Christmas eve.

A second death resulting from the fire at 2, Nelson-place, Bath, the house of Gen. Crauford, on the 20th ult., occurred on the 2nd, when a servant named Annie Hawkins was badly burnt but managed to escape from the house by walking along the roof to the adjoining house, died from the injuries then received.

At Ramsgate on the 2nd inst. the master (Watson) and crew of the fishing smack, Briton's Pride, of that port, who gallantly rescued the only one left on the wreck of the Eudakin, of Glasgow, on the Gallipoli Sands during a gale on the 12th December, were presented with a sum of money subscribed by their fellow townsmen in recognition of their bravery.

Mr. William H. Woolston, of Wallingborough, a well-known follower of the Pythole and Oakley hounds, while riding to the meet of the latter pack, was thrown from his horse. His foot caught in the stirrup, and while jumping violently the animal kicked Mr. Woolston in the head. He was conveyed home in a critical condition.

An inquest was held at Durham Gaol concerning the death of a prisoner named Samsy, who had been committed for six months for assault, and who hanged himself in his cell. Samsy had been picking caskum on New Year's eve, and having knocked several strands together, tied them to his handkerchiefs and managed to hang himself from his bedstead. The jury returned a verdict of suicide while of unsound mind.

Information reached Southampton on the 2nd from Lisbon that yellow fever is prevalent on board the Royal Mail Company's steamer, La Plata, due last night from Brazil. One or two cases have proved fatal, and it is said these include the chief steward, Mr. Smith.

The arrival of the vessel is eagerly looked forward to, it being generally hoped that the report is exaggerated.

With the commencement of the new year second class tickets have been discontinued on the Cheshire lines and on the Manchester, Sheffield, and Lincolnshire joint system from Manchester to Huddersfield and on the North-Western Railway Company, in connection with the reopening on the 1st of their branch line from Mould to Cood Lodge, in Flintshire, provided only first and third class carriages.

A petition with 50,000 signatures from Portsmouth, which secured the commutation of the death sentence to one of penal servitude for life upon Fanny Gane, of the late of Wight, who was tried at the late Winchester Assizes for child murder, is being followed up at Portsmouth by another general petition to the Home Secretary and a women's petition to the Queen praying for a free pardon.

On the night of the 2nd, when the Strand was thronged with theatre goers, a horse attached to a hansom cab began to career about and, suddenly, as if dead, in such a position that the heavy traffic was almost completely blocked. Ladies and gentlemen in evening dress, finding their progress thus impeded, proceeded on foot to their various destinations, and afforded a curious contrast to the rough crowd which had collected.

DRUNKENNESS CURED.
A Wealthy American Lady, who only once for years was a slave to INTERESTING, NERVOUS DEPRESSION, and GENERAL DEBILITY, after having tried in vain for a cure, and without any real results, at last found a simple means of curing, and saved him from a druggist's grove. Any one suffering or desiring to help others in this distressing case, by sending a self-addressed stamped envelope to Dr. J. B. BARNES, 11, Market Street, New York, N.Y., will receive a full and complete description of the cure, and a list of names of those who have been cured.

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LABOUR MOVEMENTS.

THE BOOKBINDERS.
A meeting of the bookbinders on strike was held on the 2nd inst. at St. Agatha's Schoolroom, Finsbury Avenue. One of the Waterloos' strikers presided, and said that they now had about 600 men out who were determined to remain on strike until their demands had been conceded. A resolution was carried to the effect that the strikers would carry on the struggle with all the force at their disposal.

POSTMEN'S GRIEVANCES.
With the incoming of the new year postmen throughout the United Kingdom participate in an increase of pay and other advantages which have been arranged for them by the new Postmaster-general. With one exception, all letter-carriers in the United Kingdom are this year to receive 2s. a week in addition to their former salary. The exception is that of the West Central Division of letter carriers, who will not, according to the new regulations, participate in the increase. In addition to the extra pay, postmen have the satisfaction of knowing that the good conduct stripes will be more generally granted, and in the case of rural postmen, a fortnight's holiday will be granted in lieu of the extra pay. These new regulations will cost the Post Office Department about £150,000 each year.

PECULIAR PEOPLE AND FREE LOVE.
At the Stratford Petty Sessions on the 2nd, George Carter, a labourer, of Great Watford, near Southend, appeared to an adjourned court charged with bigamy. He was charged with having married a woman named Mary Carter, who was his wife, and with having married her while she was still married to another man. The defendant said that he was a free lover, and that he was not bound by the laws of the State. He was committed to prison for one month, with hard labour.

COURT MOUR.
A supplement to the London Gazette, published on the 2nd, contains the order for the Court to go into mourning for the late Prince Victor of Hohenlohe. The Court will change mourning on the 15th inst., and go out of mourning on the 22nd inst.

THE SHIPPING FEDERATION AND THEIR MEN.
In No. 37 shed at the Royal Albert Docks on the 2nd, about 50 free labour men and labourers each for stealing four bottles of whisky, value 12s., from the shop of Mr. Edward Green, in the High-street, on Christmas eve.

MR. DE COBAN.
Mr. De Coban's solicitor has almost concluded the preparation of a dozen affidavits for presentation to the Attorney-General to prove that the sworn informations upon which the warrant for the hon. member's arrest was issued were the result of refusal on his part to be blackmailed.

THE ROYAL WEDDING.
A public meeting of residents of Windsor and neighbourhood, convened by Alderman J. Brown, the mayor, was held on the 2nd inst. at the Guildhall. Among those present were Mr. Barry, M.P. for the borough, Baron Schroeder, General Michael, C.B., the Rev. T. Dalton, and the Rev. J. Devereux, Sir H. Simpson, and the Hon. K. Butler.

CO-OPERATIVE 'BUSES.
The 'buses of the North of London met during the early hours of Saturday morning at the Ingleby Arms, Grove-road, Holloway, in response to an invitation from the Amalgamated Society of Transport Workers' Union, a committee of the London General Omnibus Company president—Mr. Fred. Hammill (organising president of the Union) said that he had become quite evident that the two principal 'bus companies had determined to crush the Union if they could. This fact was apparent from their action towards their old servants, who were being discharged on the most frivolous and trumped-up charges. The companies were, in reality, serving the Union by their tyrannical conduct. If every 'busman in London joined the Union they would not have need for long to complain of the conduct of the company's officials, because they would be in a position to demand proper treatment. Referring to the proposed run 'buses on the co-operative principle, Mr. Hammill said that the scheme had now assumed a tangible form. In March of this year the first co-operative 'buses would commence running to the number of twenty or more. (Cheers.) He trusted that every 'busman would become a shareholder. No dividend would be paid on the shares, and the entire profits accruing from working the 'buses would be devoted to extending the operations of the shareholders, paying off the shares, and raising a fund for providing support for those who became too old to work longer on the 'buses.

DEATH OF THE DOWAGER MARCHIONESS OF BATH.
The Dowager Marchioness of Bath died on the 2nd inst. at Muntam Court, Worthing. Her ladyship, who retained consciousness up to the time she breathed her last, was 87 years of age. She was married to the third Duke of Devonshire in 1830, and has been a widow since 1857. Deceased had been suffering from influenza, but the immediate cause of death was apoplexy.

THE RECORDERSHIP.
A special Court of Aldermen was held on the 2nd inst. at the Guildhall, to receive from the Lord Mayor a formal announcement relative to the death of Sir T. Chambers, the recorder. His lordship paid a feeling tribute to the memory of the late official. Sir William Lawrence proposed a vote of condolence with the family of the recorder, and spoke highly of his position in the various capacities which he filled. The vote was unanimously adopted, and it was also referred to the General Purposes Committee to consider as to the office of recorder, and to report thereon.

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THE SANITARY INSPECTORS' ASSOCIATION.

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A CUMBERLAND TRAGEDY.

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STRIKE AT OLYMPIA.
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